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# Dulles Era Ends for Washington

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WASHINGTON — This column is about people. Take, for instance, Eleanor Lansing Dulles, whose departure the other day ended the Dulles era in this town. Oh, to be sure, her brother Allen is still around but his resignation was announced long ago and he's just been marking time as head of the Central Intelligence Agency pending approval of John McCone to take over. At the rate things are going the Kennedy family may develop into a dynasty but, for the present, it is hard to beat the Dulles tribe. Eleanor's grandfather, John Watson Foster; her uncle Robert Lansing, and her brother, Foster, were all Secretaries of State; her brother, Allen, was long-time head of CIA and she, herself, after 20 years with the Department of State, ended with the rank of minister and was State's acknowledged expert on the Berlin crisis. That's quite a family record. Eleanor has been quite a person in her own right. Although married, she's never relinquished her own name. This was at her husband's request. Although legally Mrs. David Blondheim, she accepted his dictum, "You write the Dulles books, I'll write the Blondheim books." She has a real sense of humor, too. The most cherished possessions she took with her — she headed at once for South America and on her return will make a lecture tour — were a diplomatic note from the East German republic protesting a visit she made to Berlin, and a photograph from a German newspaper which shows her seated next to Dr. Arnold Toynbee, the noted historian, and identifies her as Dr. Toynbee's wife. Her departure marks the end of quite a chapter in history.